

Continuation Grant Funding Available; Action Required

August 3, 2012

TO THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: 2012-2013 Distance Learning for Migrant Secondary Students, Cont.
(RFA #491-13)

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is pleased to offer continuation funding for the 2012-2013 Distance Learning for Migrant Secondary Students, grant for 2012-2013. This is a continuation of the original agreement. It is subject to the requirements and assurances defined for the original grant. Grantees are required to maintain the scope of their projects as originally defined. Approval of the application is contingent upon the submission of the application in substantially approvable form, successful completion of prior year activities, and compliance with all conditions and requirements of the grant. **Only recipients of the 2011-2012 Distance Learning for Migrant Secondary Students grant are eligible to apply for this continuation funding.**

Eligible Applicant

The following applicant is eligible to apply.

Eligible Applicant	Maximum Award Amount
University of Texas at Austin	\$450,000

New or Revised Requirements

The following requirements are in addition to or revised from requirements originally published for the original year 1 grant:

The following to be added under the "Support" category in Schedule #4 – Program Requirements, Part 2 of the original application:

1. Assisting students with the state academic assessments, as needed;
2. Encoding the NGS supplemental instructional type of "UT Distance Learning for Migrant Secondary Students" in the state's migrant student database for every student served; and
3. Following up with school district migrant staff to ensure credits students earn through this program are encoded in the state's migrant student database.

Project Period

The effective grant period will begin October 1, 2012, and will end August 31, 2013. Note: Pre-award costs will be permitted from September 1, 2012, to September 30, 2012.

Project Funding

A total of \$450,000 is available. The continuation award amount is listed in the preceding table.

Use of Funds

Project funds must be used to continue and fulfill the requirements of the program as described in the original year 1 grant, incorporated into the guidelines and Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) by reference, with minor adjustments for program improvement and appropriate activities.

Please note that TEA reserves the right to reduce funding if budget projections are determined not to have been realistic based on actual participation and expenditure of grant funds during the original grant period. TEA also reserves the right to make any award contingent upon satisfactory progress toward program goals and performance measure targets.

Funding Contingencies

Funding for this program is contingent upon availability of state or federal appropriations.

TEA reserves the right not to award a continuation grant that was originally competitive to a grantee that is identified by TEA as high risk or not financially reliable between the time the application is submitted to TEA and the time the application is approved and the NOGA is awarded.

In addition, the awarding of continuation funding is contingent upon full compliance with all program requirements, including the timely and up-to-date submission of all progress reports, evaluation data, and fiscal information requested as outlined in the year 1 Request for Application (RFA).

Reporting Requirements

LEAs that are awarded grants are responsible for meeting all required deadlines. *Failure to meet deadlines may result in loss of funds and could cause the LEA to be identified as "high risk."*

Reporting requirements are specified on the [TEA Grant Opportunities website](http://burlleson.tea.state.tx.us/GrantOpportunities/forms/GrantProgramSearch.aspx) at <http://burlleson.tea.state.tx.us/GrantOpportunities/forms/GrantProgramSearch.aspx> for viewing and downloading. In the "Select Search Options" box, select the name of the RFA from the drop-down list. Scroll down to the "Application and Support Information" section to view all documents that pertain to this RFA.

Application Instructions

Refer to Part 3: Schedule Instructions for information on how to complete each schedule in the application.

Submission Guidelines

Three copies of the application, with an original signature (in blue ink) on Schedule #1-General Information, must be received in the TEA Document Control Center by August 30, 2012. Send the application to the following address:

Document Control Center, Room 1-108
Division of Grants Administration
Texas Education Agency, William B. Travis Building
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin TX 78701-1494

A continuation application not received by the deadline date will become effective on the start date of the grant or the date the application is received in the Document Control Center, whichever is later.

Contact Information

Contact Christina Villarreal by email at christina.villarreal@tea.state.tx.us or by telephone at (512) 463-8525 if you have additional questions about completing the application. Contact Susie

Coultress by email at susie.coultress@tea.state.tx.us or by telephone at (512) 463-9581 with questions about appropriate program activities.

Sincerely,

Anita Givens
Associate Commissioner, Standards and Programs